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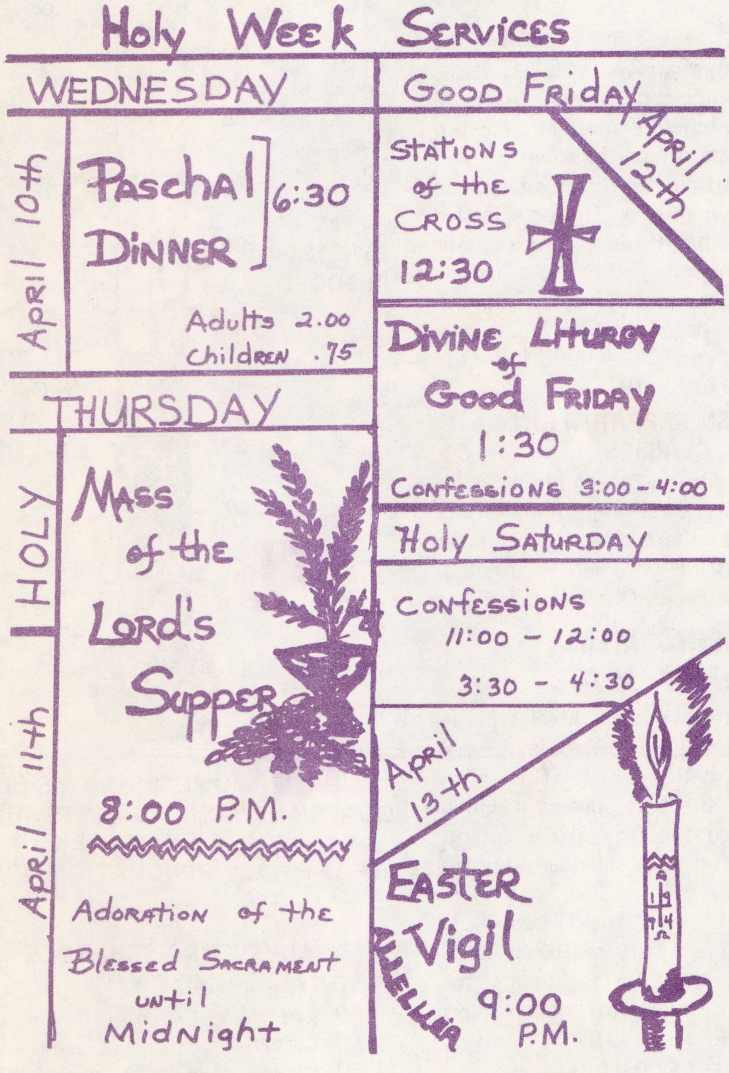


BISHOP ZALESKI SPEAKS

At all Masses this weekend, Bishop Zaleski speaks of the service which the Church of Lansing has been able to provide to thousands of people in our own Diocese, through the generosity of your gifts made to the annual Diocesan Services Appeal. As he announces plans for 1974, we are fortunate to have the services of Mr. Michael Ichesco and Mr. Gerard Wideman for sharing the responsibility for our own local response. In addition to the co-chairmen, Miss Mary Budinger will serve again as secretary for this important and most necessary work of charity for our own local Diocesan church.

The weekend of April 27 - 28 has been designated as the time to make your annual pledge or gift. More details about D.S.A./74 will be printed next week.

JUST A WORD...

by Fr. Harvey

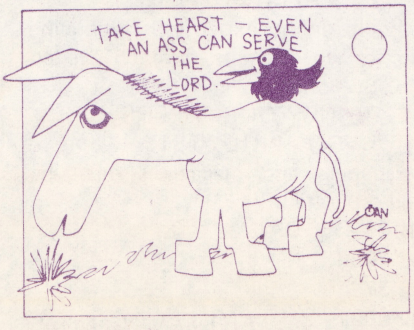
How do I begin to share with all of you my feelings of gratitude following last week's installation festivities! St. Paul's words to his brothers and sisters in the Church at Rome may help provide a beginning. "First I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you and for the way in which your faith is spoken of all over the world. The God I worship spiritually by preaching the Good News of his Son knows that I never fail to mention you in my prayers...I am longing to find encouragement among you from our common faith."

The many signs of your active love which are the result of our common faith in Christ and his community have been clearly evident and were especially obvious last Sunday. It is significant that visitors who joined us last Sunday really felt that warmth and concern. Fr. Patrick Jackson, a member of the Priest's personnel Commission and delegate of

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

Chesterton has a poem about a donkey – "the tattered outlaw of the world" – in which Big Ears discovers he has a big role to play.

It wasn't enough to carry the unborn Christ to Bethlehem. He carried the uncrowned Christ to Jerusalem, too.



Bishop Zaleski for the installation commented on this very fact during his homily on Sunday. Members of my family likewise experienced the spirit of mutual care and cooperation which hopefully will continue to grow in St. John's as it has during past years.

The extra efforts of the Worship Commission in planning the Sunday liturgy were most evident. The special program planned by Sister Mary, the remembrance card engineered by Sr. Carol Denise, the fine musical performance by members of both choirs, the extraordinary participation by those attending the Liturgy, the interrogations by Council President, Lee Sanford, the symbolic presentations by the four Commission Chairmen as part of the service, all helped to create a very special climate for experiencing the presence of the saving Lord, in whose service we have pledged one another our faithfulness.

I was especially grateful for the priests who were able to join in concelebrating the Liturgy. Fr. Dominic, Fr. Bednarski, Fr. Jackson and of course, the King who took leave of his new kingdom in order to return, Fr. William G. Fr. Terry Kerner, one of St. John's native sons, was able to be with us for a time, on the special day. Due to Sunday schedules, local ministers were prevented from joining in the celebration. Many sent greetings, along with their regrets to our community. The Rev. David Maier, representing United Ministries on Campus, was able to honor us with his presence.

In addition to the Worship Commission, the usually over-worked members of the Service Commission provided a delightful reception following the Mass for which I am truly grateful. Through their hard work, the hospitality of the Sisters and the fine preparations by Ceil and Jim Soraruf, a very tasty dinner was enjoyed by Council representatives and my family. My thanks to all of you who assisted.

If I have one special concern at this time besides expressing my appreciation to you, it would be the concern that a genuine spirit of openness continue to develop among all of us -- members of the Pastoral Team, Council and Commission members, and all parishioners. Only as mutual trust and respect exist, can we exist as a community of Jesus Christ. Your suggestions, comments and criticisms are always appreciated. Please, never forget.

A special word of congratulations are due to many of our high school students who took part in Ypsilanti High's recent production of "Fiddler on the Roof." I am sure that you who were able to attend the musical play were as impressed as I was personally. Having seen Broadway's production of the same play, I can say that the high school production was not only exceptionally well done but brought even greater delight to me.

Hats must also be tipped to the Fighting Irish of St. Thomas on their recent victory as the Champions of basketball in the Class D Division. Well done!

Finally, a word of alert to the up-coming annual appeal for our Diocese, the D.S.A. (Diocesan Services Appeal). Mr. Michael Ichesco and Mr. Gerard Wideman are parish co-chairmen for this year's local participation in this Diocesan effort. Following the Bishop's taped announcement heard today, more details will be forthcoming soon. St. John's support of local and Diocesan services and programs funded through D.S.A. was admirable last year - $9,644.95. May the past encourage us for 1974.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES

Parents of infants or children to be baptized at the Easter Vigil or sometime right after Easter are asked to attend a preparation session on Tuesday evening, Apirl 9th in the Parish Center Library.

PASCHAL MEAL
April 10, 1974

The traditional Paschal Meal will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, April 10th in the church hall. This meal commemorates the Last Supper at which Christ instituted the Blessed Sacrament. Mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

For tickets, call the rectory at 483-3360 or Sister Mary at 483-3408 or 483-6378 and make arrangements for pick-up. There are not many days left...get your tickets early.

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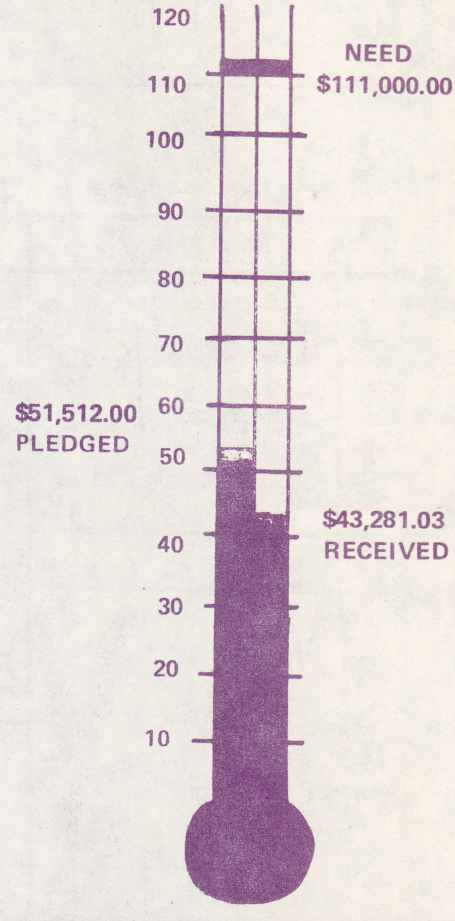

THE THERMOMETER SHOWS OUR GOALS AND ACHIEVEMENTS AFTER **THE EIGHTH WEEK** OF THE HALL RENOVATION DRIVE

BABYSITTING SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, April 14th

9:00 a.m. Miss Pat Walton and Carol Carpenter

11:00 a.m Miss Denise Schenher and Debbie Gillman

WEDDING BANNS

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March 31, 1974

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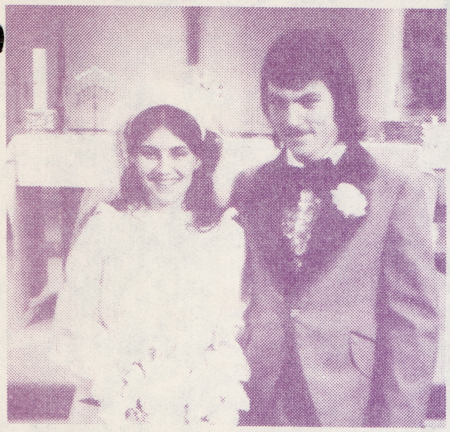

PARISH NUPTIALS

On Saturday, March 30, 1974, James S. Hopper and Patty Sue DeNike exchanged their solemn vows of marriage in our church before Fr. Harvey. William Brewington of Monterey, Tennessee, and Mrs. Rodney (Colleen) Brown were the main witnesses.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Hopper of Dorothy Street, Ypsilanti. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl DeNike, Jr. also of Ypsilanti.

Sister Mary O'Connell was lector and soloist, accompanied by Miss Marie Stachlewitz.

On Saturday evening, March 30, 1974, Richard H. Compton and Nancy A. Carroll were united in the Sacrament of Marriage during a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Harvey.

Andrew Compton of Ann Arbor and Patricia Pendelton of Jackson were the main attendants.

Ronald Hopp, brother of the bride, was the lector for the Wedding Mass. Sister Mary and Marie Stachlewitz provided the music for the celebration.

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As we extend our congratulations to the newlyweds, we pray that the love they have promised to share will reveal the presence of the Lord in whose name they were married.

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

All high school students of St. John's are welcome to participate in the retreat planned for grades 9 - 12. If you have never participated in this kind of experience, why not join us this spring?

It's really an overnight EXERCISE IN CHRISTIAN LIVING - the kind of retreat many college students have found very meaningful.

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April 26-27
Sacred Heart, Detroit

SOPHOMORES:
May 17-18
Columbiere, Clarkston

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May 3-4
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FRESHMAN BOYS:
May 24-25
Lutheran Conference Camp, Tipton

NOTICE: In each case we will leave from the Religious Education Center at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, and return by 10:30 p.m. on Saturday evening. This will leave Sunday for your family plans and school preparation.

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Fr. Harvey.

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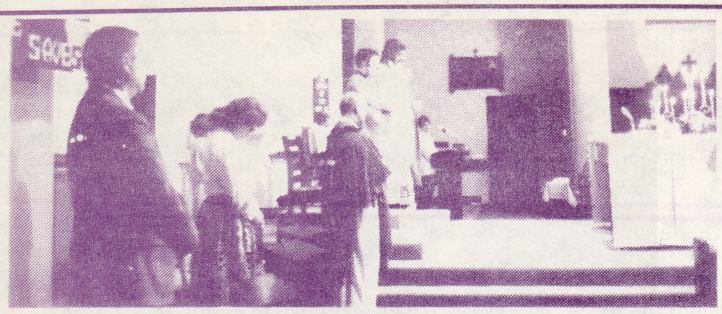
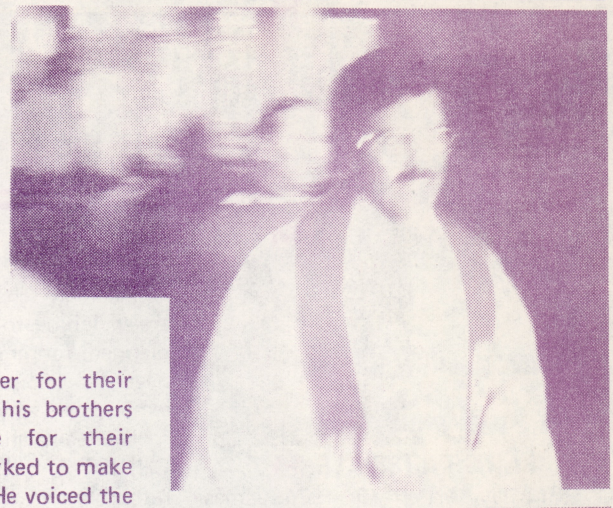
"PREPARE TODAY FOR TOMORROW"





INSTALLATION OF PASTOR BROUGHT GREAT JOY TO PARISHIONERS

Amid the sound of a standing ovation, Father Harvey found himself surrounded by friends, both on the altar and in the completely-filled congregation. Father Patrick Jackson had just accepted his declaration of service to the people of St. John's in the name of Bishop Zaleski.

The touching ceremony became personal to each parishioner as Father Jackson spoke of former pastors, some of whom had sown, others who had watered the seeds of faith at St. John's. He commended Father Harvey for his zeal, hard work, extraordinary love, and compassion. He commended the people of St. John's for their deep commitment which is known beyond the parish boundaries. He dared both pastor and parishioners to live and serve in such a way that we understand what it is to be servants of Christ through living service that we might become a parish in which community will be deeply experienced and be a shining light to other parishes.

Parish Council President, Lee Sanford, in the name of the parish, asked Father Harvey for his commitment to each of the areas of parish life, and each time the response was, "This is my intention." Clem Budinger, Worship Chairman, presented Father with the gifts of water, wine, and bread, symbols of the common life of parish worship; Doreen Binder, Education Chairman, presented Father with the Sacred Scriptures, symbolic of the words of life as taught to us; Natalie Motto, Service Chairman, presented Father with the cross, symbol of a life of faith and service; and David Wheeler, Administration Commission, presented Father with the priestly stole, symbol of his office of stewardship.

The installation ceremony brought Father King home to share in the festivities and be concelebrant along with Father Pat Jackson, Diocesan Representative, Father Mitchel Bednarski, St. Ursula's Pastor, and Father Dominic, our own pride and joy this past year.

Father Harvey gratefully thanked the parishioners for their love and support, his parents and grandmother for their loving and dedicated lives, his brothers and sister and all those for their encouragement, who had worked to make this such a special occasion. He voiced the opinion that what is a task of burdens becomes a task of joy because he feels the love and support of each person.

We are grateful to Sister Mary and the Worship Commission for making this such a faith-filled occasion, to Nancy Wagner for the special efforts in choosing the floral arrangements, to those who provided the special music for worship.

Following the celebration of Mass, a reception was held in the parish hall. It was one of those rare sights when the hall was completely filled with well-wishers. Viola Smith, Reception Committee, Chairman, provided a lovely atmosphere of spring hope for the parishioners, and her Committee members, "Mom" Smith, Dena Riley, Frieda Shock, Bernice and Julie Motto, and Ida Fredrick outdid themselves in generous service. We would like to thank them and all those who contributed baked goods for the tempting array found by those first-comers to the hall. Hon's Flower Shop contributed the beautiful bouquet of spring flowers as a compliment to the color scheme chosen.

A dinner for Father's family was given in the later afternoon. Jim and Cile Soraruf gave their services in preparing a special meal as only they can do. We are grateful to them and to the women who served: Viola Smith, Alberta Presensky, Julie Barausky, Irene Schrepper.

We are sure that Father Dave will long remember this day, as will the parishioners of St. John's. We are grateful to the Diocese and to the Personnel Commission for the tribute they have paid to Father Harvey. Hopefully, there will be many parishioners who will express this to them just as they took the time to ask for a priest of their choosing.

Let us now be a parish willing to give support and encouragement to our pastor who has always so ably done so for us.

FR. DAVID HARVEY
APPOINTMENT: MARCH 8, 1974
INSTALLATION: MARCH 31, 1974

"Begin again now the work that is yours. Remember the peace and love we have shared and celebrated and do not fail to show to all people the new life that is already among us.

Be yourself a new-born witness of the Holy Spirit. When you meet people be to them a divine man; be to them thought and virtue; let their timid aspirations find in you a friend; let their doubts know that you have wondered.

Strengthen those who fail; support the weak; care for the poor and suffering, and honor all men.

Love and serve the Lord and others, and be happy in the power of the Spirit."

THOUGHTS ON BECOMING PASTOR

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, April 7th - Palm Sunday
9:00 a.m. - Pre-School Classes in Parish Center
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. - Babysitting in Room 5 of Parish Center
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. - COFFEE AND DONUTS after Masses in Parish Hall
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Family Religious Education in Parish Center
MONDAY, Apirl 8th
NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
2:30 p.m. - Women Helpers for Parkview Nursing Home Mass
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts meet in Parish Hall
8:00 p.m. - Parish Council meets in Parish Center Library
TUESDAY, April 9th
12:30 p.m. - Workers leave Parking Lot for Ypsilanti State Hospital
NO RELIGION CLASSES FOR JUNIOR HIGH
7:30 p.m. - Convert Class meets in Parish Library
7:30 p.m. - Liturgy Planning Comm. meets in Rectory Meeting Room
WEDNESDAY, April 10th
NO RELIGION CLASSES
10:00 a.m. - Faith Discussion Group meets in Parish Center
12:00 Noon - Lenten Mass
6:30 p.m. - Paschal Dinner in Parish Hall
THURSDAY, April 11th
7:00 p.m. - Mixed Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. - Discussion Groups meet in Parish Center
8:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass until midnight
FRIDAY, April 12th
12:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
1:30 p.m. - Divine Liturgy of Good Friday
3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Confessions
SATURDAY, April 13th
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. - Confessions
9:00 p.m. - Solemn Easter Vigil Mass
SUNDAY, April 14th - HAPPY EASTER
NO BAKE SALE

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 13th
9:00 p.m. . . . . Ed Look
SUNDAY, April 14th
7:00 a.m. . . . . Dave Wheeler
9:00 a.m. . . . . John White
11:00 a.m. . . . . John Thomas
12:30 p.m. . . . . Phil Stokes

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 13th
9:00 p.m. . . . . Clem Budinger
SUNDAY, April 14th
7:00 a.m. . . . . Mary Wheeler
9:00 a.m. . . . . Chris White
11:00 a.m. . . . . Nan O'Hara
12:30 p.m. . . . . Vera Clyne

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11:00 a.m. . . . . Jim Baker
12:30 p.m. . . . . Sister Sheila

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, April 8th - Monday of Holy Week
7:00 a.m. - John & Genevieve Nanry, req. by Joe Nanry Family
2:30 p.m. - Robert Schrepper, req. by Mary Barton
TUESDAY, April 9th - Tuesday of Holy Week
7:00 a.m. - Dorothy T. Ward, req. by Richard Ward Family
WEDNESDAY, April 10th - Wednesday of Holy Week
7:00 a.m. - Albert Thibodeau, req. by Mrs. Peter Landray
12:00 Noon - Julia Ludwick Stan, Birthday Anniv., req. by Mary Catherine Givens
THURSDAY, April 11th - HOLY THURSDAY
NO MORNING SERVICES
8:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass until Midnight
FRIDAY, April 12th - GOOD FRIDAY
NO MORNING SERVICES
12:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
1:30 p.m. - Divine Liturgy of Good Friday
SATURDAY, April 13th - HOLY SATURDAY
NO MORNING SERVICES
5:00 p.m. - NO MASS
9:00 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil Mass - Intentions of Celebrants
SUNDAY, April 14th - EASTER SUNDAY
7:00 a.m. - Joseph Hutting & Family, req. by Mrs. George J. Max
9:00 a.m. - Louise Chadwick, req. by Friends
11:00 a.m. - Peter & Julia Kornar, req. by Pam Wideman and Jay & Pearl Wagner
12:30 p.m. - Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE
Week of April 8th

TEAM I - Rick and Jeff Steeby
TEAM II - Mike and Pat Wideman
THURSDAY, April 11th
8:00 p.m. - Frank Williams, Peter Burgard, Joe Slater, Ron Bureau
FRIDAY, April 12th
12:30 p.m. - Jim and John Pryce, Bill Wagner
1:30 p.m. Rob and Jim Eberts
SATURDAY, April 13th
9:00 p.m. Pat Sullivan, Mike Williams, Matt Chiodini, Larry Dupuis
SUNDAY, April 14th
7:00 a.m - John Baxter and Greg White
9:00 a.m. - Rob and Dave Debelak
11:00 a.m - Tom and Jeff Anhut
12:30 p.m. - Greg Gillman & Jerry Moses
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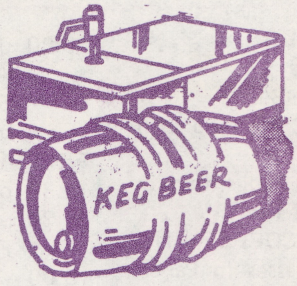

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